

TERRY'S LATE GOAL SALVAGES A DRAW

By STUART EARP Wycombe Wanderers 1, Addlestone 1

A WELL taken goal by Terry Reardon in the 78th minute gave Wycombe Wanderers a share of the spoils from Tuesday night's friendly against Athenian League Addlestone at Loakes Park. But, once again, the Blues struggled for long periods.

With Wycombe giving almost every one of the squad a run out, teamwork obviously suffered but Wanderers must be unhappy about the number of goalscoring chances that went unaccepted. Three efforts were cleared off the line.

There were one or two pleasing signs for Wycombe. Paul Birdseye had a fine game at full back while newcomer Tommy James showed a good deal of skill on the right flank. Overall, however, the few spectators present were given precious little to cheer about.

Addlestone, second in Division One of the Athenian League, were no mean side. They defended doggedly and used the ball well in quick

breaks out of defence. And their goal in the 18th minute was an absolute beauty. Crowley put in a good run on the bottom wing and then Pattison turned the ball inside to Griffith. Taking his shot first time, he sent a cracking drive into the corner of the net from 15 yards with goalkeeper Dave Bullock helpless.

Wanderers could find little by way of reply. Passes often went astray and by half time only John Delaney with a header cleared off the line by Haddow and Tony Horseman had gone close. "Bodger's" effort was blocked by former Sutton 'keeper Dave Roffey, who denied the Wycombe striker his 500th club goal.

The Blues made four second half changes and generally looked a superior side after the interval. They forced a total of 11 corners during this period but again, they found it difficult to combine consistently and tended to bunch in the middle.

Roffey parried a James shot for a corner after 66 minutes and then turned Reardon's bullet drive around a post in brilliant style. When Geoff Anthony saw a cheeky back heel cleared off the line it seemed Wycombe would remain goalless until Reardon popped up in the 78th minute. Anthony and James combined well inside the box, the latter chipping over Roffey for Reardon to plant home the header.

There were further chances for victory, notably when James shot over with only Roffey to beat while Keith Mead and Delaney also went close with headers. This, however, was not to be Wanderers' night and there is clearly a good deal of thinking to be done before they start to produce the goods.

WYCOMBE: D. Bullock; P. Birdseye, K. Mead, J. Delaney, R. Eaton (sub. D. Alexander 45 mins.); H. Kennedy, D. Cotterell (sub. T. Reardon 45 mins.), M. Hollifield; A. Horseman (sub. G. Anthony 45 mins.), D. Harris (sub. D. Evans 45 mins.), T. James.

ADDLESTONE: D. Roffey; P. Haddow, R. Archer, J. Griffith, B. Braith, J. Hounsell, D. Williams, J. Crowley, K. Townsend, F. Jandenburg, M. Pattison. Sub. E. Redcliffe.

Referee: P. Lambourne (High Wycombe).

Half time: 0-1. **Goalscorers,** Wycombe — Reardon (78), Addlestone — Griffith (18).